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 ${\tt SUBJECT} \ : \ {\tt ANNOUNCEMENT} \ {\tt OF} \ {\tt PRESIDENTIAL} \ {\tt AND} \ {\tt NATIONAL}, \\ {\tt ASSEMBLY} \ {\tt ELECTIONS}$

1. GUINEAN RADIO ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 25 THAT PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27. THE SIZE OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE DOUBLED, TO 150 MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE ALL 34 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (ALREADY ELECTED BY THE PARTY), THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE 30 FEDERATIONS, FOUR EACH FROM THE YOUTH, LABOR AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND 24 OFFICIALS OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET DECEMBER 17 TO DRAW UP THE SLATE.

- 2. LAST SUCH ELECTIONS WERE IN 1968, AND PRESIDENT TOURE'S CONSTITUTIONAL TERM IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN JANUARY 1975. ASSEMBLY IS ELECTED FOR FIVE-YEAR TERM, SO THEIR ELECTION IS ONE YEAR LATE.
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WILL BE NO PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO TOURE, AND HE WILL APPROVE

THE 150 "CANDIDATES" OF THE PDG ASSEMBLY SALTE. THE NEW COMPOSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY TENDS TO FORMALIZE THE VIRTUAL FUSION OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES UNDER TOURE'S FIRM CONTROL. CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE OVER AGE 18, AND LOGICAL WAY TO ORGANIZE ELECTION WOULD BE THROUGH PRL'S, THE BASIC PARTY/GOVERNMENT CELLS. TODMAN

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